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Defendant: Douglas Kornacki

**BROWNSTOWN TOWNSHIP MAN SENTENCED TO 35 YEARS AFTER
THREE ARMED ROBBERIES AND SHOOTING AT ALLEN PARK POLICE**

A 42-year-old Brownstown Township man was sentenced to 35 years' imprisonment in federal court today after pleading guilty to using, carrying, and discharging a short-barreled shotgun during a crime of violence, United States Attorney Stephen J. Murphy announced. The defendant admitted to being involved in three armed robberies, one of which involved shooting at Allen Park police in the fall of 2004. Joining in the announcement was FBI Acting Special Agent-In-Charge .

Receiving the sentence from United States District Judge John Corbett O'Meara was Douglas Kornacki, 42, of Brownstown Township. Kornacki pleaded guilty on September 27, 2006 after one day of trial.

At the time of the plea, Kornacki admitted that he stole approximately \$7,000 from the National City branch in Brownstown Township and the Blockbuster Video and CVS Pharmacy stores in Taylor. The robberies took place on September 13, October 9, and October 12,

2004, respectively. Kornacki also admitted that he fired at two Allen Park police cruisers while trying to escape following the CVS heist. Police did not return fire during the incident.

Kornacki's wife, Elizabeth, who was the getaway driver in all three robberies, also pleaded guilty. She was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on October 31, 2006.

United States Attorney Murphy said, "While we regard all violent crime cases with the utmost gravity, anytime a defendant shoots at police, the case will go to the top of our priority list. Today's 35-year sentence is an appropriately significant penalty in light of the seriousness of the violent conduct that took place in this case. It should remind all those with potential to engage in violent criminal activity that doing so will result in hard time in federal prison."

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Frances Lee Carlson and Leonid Feller.